

Protective Order Committee
Judicial Conference of Indiana

Minutes
February 27, 2004

The Protective Order Committee met at the Indiana Judicial Center in Indianapolis on Friday, January 30, 2004 from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

1. Members present. George E. Brown, Linda E. Brown, Thomas H. Busch, J. Douglas Knight, Robert E. Lybrook, Christina J. Miller, Lynne Spevak, Jerry L. Ummel and John W. Forcum, Chair
2. Staff present. Jeffrey Bercovitz and Tom Jones provided the committee with staff assistance.
3. Minutes. The minutes of the meeting on January 30, 2004 were approved.
4. Guest. Anthony Zapata, Staff Attorney, Pro Se Committee, Division of State Court Administration also attended the meeting.
5. Protection Order Deskbook.
 - a. Committee members revised the following sections of the Protection Order Deskbook: No Contact Orders and Brady Act. They also agreed to place the new Full Faith and Credit Benchcards in that section of the deskbook.
 - b. The members of the committee agreed to place the protection order forms from the website in a separate section after the procedural sections already drafted.
 - c. Committee members agreed to circulate the benchcard from Vanderburgh Co. with the minutes from this meeting for consideration of placement in the deskbook.
 - d. The members of the committee discussed the initial distribution of the deskbook to judges, prosecutors, clerks, ICADV, law school clinics and others, charging a fee to persons wishing extra copies, with updates on the Internet.
6. Protection order forms in Spanish. Mr. Bercovitz reported he recently received selected Protection Order forms from Johnson County in Spanish. Committee members agreed to have Berenice Spencer, the interpreter for Tippecanoe county courts review the English and Spanish translation on the forms. The committee agreed these forms should be placed on the pro se and/or a Supreme Court website with all Spanish forms, with a link from the Protection Order website. Anthony Zapata agreed the committee should not be responsible for keeping the forms updated and indicated volunteer efforts would be used to update these and other forms.
7. Next meeting dates. Committee members agreed meet at the following times: Friday, March 26, April 23, and June 25, 2004 from 12:00 noon – 4:00 p.m. at the Indiana Judicial Center.

Respectfully submitted,

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